

## International visitors learn about TRACK program

The [World Affairs Council of Kentucky & Southern Indiana](#) brought 14 international visitors and three interpreters to meet with KDE staff today to explore ways to increase youth job creation.

The visitors came from Egypt, the Gaza Strip, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Tunisia. The attendees were interested in hearing about the Tech Ready Apprentices for Careers in Kentucky (TRACK) youth pre-apprenticeship program, a partnership between KDE's Office of Career and Technical Education and Kentucky's Office of Apprenticeship to provide secondary students with career pathway opportunities into registered apprenticeship programs.

The visit to Kentucky was part of the [International Visitor Leadership Program](#) (IVLP) with the U.S. Department of State. IVLP connects current and emerging foreign leaders with their American counterparts through short-term visits to the United States.



*Mary Taylor, the industry training and development specialist in the Office of Career and Technical Education, speaks to a group of international visitors about the Tech Ready Apprentices for Careers in Kentucky (TRACK) youth pre-apprenticeship program. (Photo by Mike Marsee)*